

Panelists for the Seminar
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- **María José Álvarez Rivadulla**

María José Álvarez-Rivadulla is a graduate student in the Sociology Department at the University of Pittsburgh, where she has taught courses on statistics and urban sociology and social theory. She is currently analyzing data for her dissertation on the cycle of land squatting in Montevideo, Uruguay. Álvarez-Rivadulla is a member of the IPES research group in Uruguay and has assisted Ruben Kaztman in the coordination of GESU. She is interested in the study of inequalities, especially urban ones, social movements, political sociology, and research methods.

- **Luciana Corrêa do Lago**

Luciana Corrêa do Lago is Professor of Urban Planning at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and a researcher in the network Observatório das Metrôpoles. She has a degree in architecture and urbanism and a master's in urban and regional planning from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She also received a Ph.D. in architecture and urban planning from the University of São Paulo. In the past fifteen years, she has conducted research on urban sociology and urban policies with emphasis on social-spatial inequalities in the Brazilian metropolis, labor markets and urban structure, spatial mobility and housing markets, and urban policy and citizenship.

- **Carolina Flores**

Carolina Flores is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago, from which she holds a master's degree in economics. She also holds an M.A. in public policy from the London School of Economics and is a Ph.D. candidate at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. Her teaching interests are in the areas of quantitative research methods, spatial analysis, and sociology of education at both graduate and undergraduate levels. Her research focuses on the effects of spatial concentration of urban poverty on several individual outcomes such as education and integration into the labor market.

- **Jupira Gomes de Mendonça**

Jupira Gomes de Mendonça earned a master's degree in urbanism at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Her Ph.D. in urban and regional planning was awarded by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in 2002. Since 1996 she has been a professor and researcher at the School of Architecture of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), where she has been engaged with the master's program in architecture and urbanism. She has been working on urban and metropolitan issues, mainly sociospatial organization, segregation processes, and forms of managing public policies in metropolitan areas. Jupira Gomes de Mendonça has published several congress papers, book chapters, and journal articles, and has coedited two books.

- **Fernando Groisman**

Fernando Groisman is a researcher at the National Centre for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) and University of General Sarmiento (UNGS), Argentina. He holds a Ph.D. in social sciences from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and an M.A. in labor studies from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). His research focuses on labor market dynamics and segregation, inequality, and social exclusion. Currently, he is President of the Argentinean Association of Specialists in Labor Studies (ASET).

- **Ruben Kaztman**

Ruben Delmar Kaztman is a sociologist who has worked mainly as a researcher in academic institutions in several countries. He served as Director of ECLAC-Uruguay. At present, Professor Kaztman is the director of the Research Program on Integration, Poverty, and Social Exclusion at the Catholic University of Uruguay. He is also the Coordinator of the International Study Group on Urban Segregation (GESU) and has written several books and articles in refereed journals on such subjects as poverty, inequality, family, and residential segregation.

- **José Marcos Pinto da Cunha**

José Marcos Pinto da Cunha earned a master's degree in demography from the Center for Latin American Demography (1984) and a Ph.D. in social science from the University of Campinas (1994). He also has done postdoctoral work at the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Currently he is working at the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) as an assistant professor in the Department of Demography of the Institute of Philosophy and Humanities Science and as a researcher in the Population Studies Center (NEPO). He has published many works and spoken on numerous occasions about the socioeconomic development and population dynamics of Brazil and Latin America.

- **Luiz Cesar de Queiroz Ribeiro**

Luiz Cesar Ribeiro de Queiroz is a professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He earned a master's degrees in social economic development from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. in architecture and urban planning from the University of São Paulo. His experience in urban and regional planning has focused on the housing crisis, capital property, Rio de Janeiro, and production property. He is also the coordinator for Observatório das Metrôpoles.

- **Alejandra Ramirez Cuesta**

Alejandra Ramirez Cuesta has a professional degree in architecture and holds a master's degree in Proyección Urbanística from the Universidad Politécnica de Catalunya, Spain. She is also a Ph.D. candidate at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. Her research interests include spatial analysis, urban environment, and poverty in Latin America.

- **Bryan Roberts**

Bryan Roberts is the Director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is also Professor of Sociology and holds the C. B. Smith Chair in U.S.-Mexico Relations. Dr. Roberts's research focuses on development, modernization, macro-comparative and urban sociology, and sociology of work, particularly in Mexico, Argentina, and Chile. He has served as principal investigator in international research networks on issues of local governance, equity, citizenship, and segregation. Dr. Roberts received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago.

- **Patricio Solís**

Patricio Solís received his M.A. in population studies from FLACSO-Mexico and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. He has been a faculty member at the Centro de Estudios Sociológicos (CES) at El Colegio de México since 2004 and currently serves as Academic Coordinator of the Ph.D. program in sociology. His research interests are social inequality, social stratification and the life course. His most recent publication is *Inequidad y movilidad social en Monterrey*, published in 2007 by El Colegio de México.

- **Ana Lourdes Suarez**

Ana Lourdes Suarez holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, San Diego, and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Buenos Aires. She is an Associated Academic Researcher at UNDP Buenos Aires and a researcher at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Tecnológicas – Conicet. She teaches at the Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, at the Universidad de El Salvador, and at the Universidad Católica Argentina. Her recent areas of research focus on poverty, exclusion, and labor markets.

- **Luciana Teixeira de Andrade**

Luciana Teixeira de Andrade holds a Ph.D. in sociology from IUPERJ. She teaches sociology at the Catholic University of Minas Gerais in both undergraduate and graduate programs, and does research on the metropolitan area of Belo Horizonte. She also coordinates the regional research team that participates in the national research network Territory, Social Cohesion, and Democratic Governance in Brazilian Metropolitan Areas. In addition to papers, book chapters, and journal articles, she is also the author of two books: *The Belo Horizonte of Modernists: Ambivalent Representations of Modern City* and *The City and Their Agents*, the latter with Heitor Frúgoli and Fernanda Peixoto.

- **Andres Villarreal**

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- **Robert Wilson**

Robert Wilson is the Mike Hogg Professor in Urban Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also serves as Associate Dean. Previously, he taught at the Federal University of Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil. Dr. Wilson holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the National Order of the Southern Cross by decree of the President of Brazil in 2002. He also has served as a researcher for projects and grants from many organizations, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Fulbright Commission, and the Tomas Rivera Center.